

# SENATE.

FRIDAY, April 9, 1869.  
Mr. Welker called up the resolution introduced by him yesterday, instructing the clerks to pay the certificate of members for their per diem.

The resolution was adopted.  
An act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Fayetteville—read second and third readings.

Mr. Osborne, at the request of certain citizens of Fayetteville, opposed the passage of the bill, and moved to lay on the table.

Mr. Harrington advocated the passage of the bill.

The yeas and nays being called resulted, yeas 21, nays 5. The bill passed its second and third readings.

Mr. Respass introduced a bill to establish a Book of Records, adapted to the Code of Civil Procedure in Superior Courts, which Book of Forms was submitted.

Mr. Osborne offered, as an amendment, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed as to repeal an act passed by the General Assembly, suspending the Code of Civil Procedure. Adopted.

The bill then passed.

Mr. Welker, at the request of the Senate from Cumberland, moved a resolution of the vote by which the limits of the town of Fayetteville were extended.

Mr. Harman, colored, moved to lay that motion on the table. Not agreed to.

Mr. Murphy then addressed the Senate, and while he had no personal feeling or interest in the matter, proceeded to show, by the petition and argument, why the corporate limits of the city of Fayetteville should not be extended. It had no political significance—it professed nothing in that direction—it was unjust to principle, and, in fact, he was representing both parties, and knew neither party.

Mr. Harrow called the previous question—sustained, and the Senate refused to reconsider.

On motion of Mr. Brogden, the bill incorporating the Cape Fear Agricultural Society was read and passed its several readings.

Mr. Robbins introduced an act to repeal so much of the Revenue Act as imposes a tax of 2 per cent. on tobacco in the leaf. Messrs. Robbins, Winstead, Osborne and Stephens advocated the passage of the bill.

Mr. Hayes was opposed to the passage of the bill—he was willing to still further reduce the tax, say to 1 per cent., but could see no reason why the entire tax should be removed.

Mr. Welker opposed the bill upon principle.

Mr. Davis held the same views with Mr. Welker.

Mr. Barnes asked was the tax on tobacco higher than the tax imposed on his constituents who made brandy.

Mr. Robbins continued to defend the bill.

Mr. Cook opposed the bill, while Mr. Lindsay advocated it, as necessary to protect the tobacco manufacturers, and keep them within the State.

Mr. Respass also opposed the bill, upon principle, and moved it be tabled, but withdrew the motion to allow Mr. Davis to state that he had received a letter from a large manufacturer in Virginia, informing him (Mr. D.) that in the face of the revenue bill, this manufacturer was about to remove to this State.

Mr. Graham favored the bill.

The question then being on its passage, the yeas and nays were called and resulted, yeas 10, nays 22.

Mr. Brogden, from the Committee on Finance, reported on the subject of banks, setting forth that the committee had been made to make the investigation sought by the General Assembly, as the officers of the Bank of North Carolina withheld their books, and opposed every obstacle to the committee in the discharge of their duty, and for this reason.

Mr. Hayes offered his resignation as a member of the committee, and for the same reason Mr. Respass asked to be discharged from said committee.

Bill to re-enact the charter of the town of Morganton passed its third reading.

Mr. Moore, of Yancey, introduced a bill to tax the manufacturers of cotton 2 per cent. per pound on all cotton manufactured—made special order for Monday next, 12 o'clock.

Resolution concerning the Secretary of State, authorizing the preparation of the tax books—passed third time.

Adjourned.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, April 9, 1869.

On motion of Mr. Pou, the rules were suspended and the bill providing for a re-organization of the Penitentiary was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 74, nays 8.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to enable the Chatham R. R. Co. to complete its Road.

After some debate the bill passed its third reading.

The bill to authorize the Commissioners of New Brunswick county to levy a special tax on assessed its second reading—yeas 69, nays 0.

A similar bill in regard to Brunswick county passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 70, nays 0.

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The bill to be entitled "A General Incorporation Act" was taken up and passed its several readings.

All requiring the clerks to give sufficient notice to the several readings.

Bill to provide for the manner of bringing suits against Railroad Companies passed its third reading.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting the House bill making the happy hunting ground or otherwise disguised a felony, asking the concurrence of the House in various amendments.

On motion of Mr. Seymour, the amendments of the Senate were concurred in.

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Mr. Pou moved to amend by striking out at the end of the first section the words "and approved by the General Assembly at its present session."

Mr. Renfro opposed the amendment and was in favor of passing the bill just as it came from the Senate.

could be established \$50,000 cheaper at Salisbury than at Raleigh; therefore, he proposed the amendment of the gentleman from Rowan (Mr. Shaver) would prevail.

The yeas and nays being called, on Mr. Shaver's amendment, it was rejected by a vote of yeas 16, nays 49.

Mr. Vest moved to amend section 1 by striking out the words "at or near" and insert the words "within three miles of Raleigh." Lost.

J. H. Harris, of Wake, colored, withdrew his amendment.

William Cawthorn, colored, moved to amend section 4, by striking out the name of Alfred Howe, colored, and insert L. W. Boon, colored.

Mr. Seymour moved to amend the amendment by inserting the name of C. D. Pierson, which was lost.

The question recurred upon Cawthorn's amendment, which was rejected by a vote of yeas 33, nays 40.

Mr. Gunter moved to strike out section 1. Lost.

The bill then passed its third reading. Adjourned.

# SENATE.

SATURDAY, April 10, 1869.

Mr. Brogden moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed on yesterday, relative to inspectors of rosin in Wilmington.

Mr. Harman, colored, moved to lay that motion on the table, yeas 28, nays 6.

House bill to require Sheriffs to give sufficient bonds, passed 31 reading.

Bill to incorporate the Cape Fear Life and Fire Insurance Company of Wilmington, was amended and passed 31 time.

Bill to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Florence Railroad Company, as amended in the House, was not concurred in by the Senate.

Bill to establish a public ferry at or near the mouth of the Cape Fear river, passed third time.

Bill to amend an act for the funding of the matured interest on the public debt, passed several readings.

House bill for the benefit of securities and bonds, passed third time.

Bill to protect Sheriffs in the sale of lands for taxes, passed third time.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, April 10, 1869.

On motion of Mr. McMillan the bill allowing the Commissioners of Columbus county to levy a special tax was taken up under a suspension of the rules and passed its third reading by a vote of yeas 60, nays 1.

Mr. Argo offered the following resolution:

That the thanks of the House of Representatives be tendered to the Hon. J. W. Holden, for the dignity, impartiality and ability with which he has presided over its deliberations.

On motion of Mr. Argo the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hodgkin the bill to facilitate the transfer of business from the military to the Civil Courts, was taken up under a suspension of the rules and passed its third reading.

On motion of G. W. Price, colored, the bill to amend an act for the preservation of the public health at the port of Wilmington was taken up and passed its several readings.

By Mr. Stille: A resolution appointing Dr. E. Grissom, G. W. Welker, Dr. Wm. Barrow, Dr. G. L. Blackall and G. W. Gahagan, a Board of Public Charities for the State.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. French, the bill to amend an act establishing Special Courts in the cities of Newbern and Wilmington. [This bill extends the jurisdiction of the Special Court of the City of Wilmington over the county of New Hanover.]

After some little discussion, the bill was, on motion of Mr. French, indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Whitley, the rules were suspended, and the bill consolidating the Charlotte and Scotland counties with R. Co., and the Columbia and Augusta R. Co., was taken up and passed its various readings.

On motion of Mr. Seymour, the bill requiring suits on official bonds to be brought in the county where the bonds were given, was taken up and passed its second reading.

The consideration of the various bills upon the Calendar occupied the time until adjournment.

# SENATE.

MONDAY, April 12, 1869.

The Senate met according to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

Several efforts were made to take up bills which were defeated.

The Senate then adjourned sine die.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, April 12, 1869.

The House met at 5 o'clock.

A number of bills were ratified.

A resolution complimentary to Mr. Hinnant, chairman of the Enrolling committee, was adopted.

Mr. Speaker said: Gentlemen, in response to the resolution of thanks passed on Saturday last, the Speaker desires to return his thanks, and to bear testimony to the fidelity of the Chairman of the committee upon Enrollment, Mr. Hinnant, of Johnston county, to the duties of his position.

The House of the Chair is under many obligations. To each member of the House the Speaker also desires to return thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness which they have shown to him during the session, and to thank them for the more than usual patience and forbearance which they have shown to him during the session.

# THE HOMESTEAD.

From the Raleigh Standard.

## An Act to Lay off the Homestead and Personal Property Exemption.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, as follows:

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